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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE MINING OFFICIALS VISIT SOUTH AFRICA

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- 1. VAN DALSEN OF DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONFIRMED TO US A PRESS REPORT THAT MOZAMBICAN OFFICIALS WERE IN JOHANNESBURG EARLY THIS WEEK. PRESS SAID THEY WERE MET BY DFA, MINISTRY OF MINES AND CHAMBER OF MINES OFFICIALS. VAN DALSEN SAID PURPOSE WAS TO DISCUSS MINING MATTERS BUT WOULD NOT ELABORATE. HE SAID VISIT WAS NOT UNPRECEDENTED BUT THAT MOZAMBICAN DELEGATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM TIME TO TIME AND, INDEED, WELCOMED CHANCE TO LIVE IT UP FOR A FEW DAYS IN JOHANNESBURG.
- 2. MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CITIBANK IS ANXIOUS TO LEARN WHETHER SOME PLAN IS BEING DISCUSSED TO MITIGATE MOZAMBIQUE'S INCOME LOSS ARISING FROM TERMINATION OF DEFERRED PAYMENT SYSTEM BASED ON OLD GOLD PRICE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(PRETORIA 2063). AT OUR SUGGESTION HE QUERIED DFA AND RESERVE BANK BUT COULD LEARN NOTHING. SA PRESS CONTACTS ALSO COMPLAIN THAT SAG IS PARTICULARLY CLOSE-MOUTHED ON THIS SUBJECT. NELSON

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